

confidence that Alu Like will continue to be a leading service organization in its promotion of social and economic self-sufficiency for all Native Hawaiians. But today is a time for us simply to reflect on the great success of our Alu Like 'ohana (family), all of whom deserve our praise and commendation for a job truly well done.

Mahalo, and aloha!

IN HONOR AND MEMORY OF
SPECIALIST STEVEN RAY GIVENS

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, just over ten days ago the First Congressional District of Alabama and indeed, our entire state and nation, said goodbye to another casualty of war in Iraq.

Army Specialist Steven Ray Givens, a native of Houston, Texas, and a longtime resident of Mobile, Alabama, had recently volunteered for a second tour of duty in Iraq after having already completed an earlier 14-month tour. Steven, a member of the Third Infantry, Third Brigade, of Fort Benning, Georgia, returned to Iraq in mid-January, 2005, and had planned to make a career with the Army. Unfortunately, on May 8, 2005, he was fatally wounded during an attack by Iraqi insurgents.

During his career with the Army, Steven set a standard of excellence and displayed the qualities of discipline, devotion, and dedication to country that are the hallmarks of men and women throughout the long and distinguished history of the American military.

While serving his country with all his ability, Steven also showed great concern and charity for those he fought to liberate, frequently asking his friends and family back at home to send toys and snacks for the children in Iraq. As he left for his second tour he told his family, "I can do something," and he truly did. This dedication to devote his life to serving his country and his concern and charity towards the children are a telling sign of what kind of man Steven was. This young man has shown America and the world the values and ideals our great country stands for.

It is appropriate for us to pause and thank God that there are still young men like Steven, whose life personified the very best America has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, as you can imagine, south Alabama is truly mourning the loss of this fine young man. I urge my colleagues to take a moment to pay tribute to Army Specialist Steven Ray Givens and his selfless devotion to not only our country and the freedom we enjoy, but to a people who are in the infant stages of a new life—a new freedom—in their own land.

We should remember his wife, Cayssia Givens, and his two-year-old son, his parents, Joyce and Mike McDuffie, and his other family members and many friends. Our prayer is that God will give them all the strength and courage that only He can provide to sustain them during the difficult days ahead.

IN SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF DANIEL R. BORCHERDT ON HIS APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE UNITED STATES MILITARY ACADEMY AT WEST POINT

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is my great pleasure to pay special tribute to an outstanding young man from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. I am happy to announce that Daniel R. Borchardt of Archbold, Ohio has been offered an appointment to attend the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York.

Daniel's offer of appointment poises him to attend the United States Military Academy this fall with the incoming cadet class of 2009. Attending one of our nation's military academies is an invaluable experience that offers a world-class education and demands the very best that these young men and women have to offer. Truly, it is one of the most challenging and rewarding undertakings of their lives.

Daniel brings an enormous amount of leadership, service, and dedication to the incoming class of West Point cadets. While attending Archbold High School in Archbold, Ohio, Daniel has attained a grade point average of 3.80, which places him near the top of his class of more than one hundred students. While a gifted athlete, Daniel has maintained the highest standards of excellence in his academics, choosing to enroll and excel in Advanced Placement classes throughout high school. In addition, Daniel has earned awards and accolades as a scholar and an athlete.

Outside the classroom, Daniel has distinguished himself as an excellent student-athlete. On the fields of competition, Daniel has excelled in Varsity Basketball where he was selected as First-Team All Ohio. Daniel's dedication and service to the community and his peers has proven his ability to excel among the leaders at West Point. I have no doubt that Daniel will take the lessons of his student leadership with him to West Point.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Daniel R. Borchardt on his appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. Our service academies offer the finest military training and education available anywhere in the world. I am sure that Daniel will do very well during his career at West Point and I ask my colleagues to join me in wishing him well as he begins his service to the nation.

FDA AND GENETICALLY
ENGINEERED FOODS

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 24, 2005

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I wish to bring the following article to the attention of my colleagues. We must continue to challenge the FDA's assumption that all genetically engineered food is safe.

[From the Independent, May 22, 2005.]

REVEALED: HEALTH FEARS OVER SECRET
STUDY INTO GM FOOD

(By Geoffrey Lean)

Rats fed on a diet rich in genetically modified corn developed abnormalities to internal organs and changes to their blood, raising fears that human health could be affected by eating GM food.

The Independent on Sunday can today reveal details of secret research carried out by Monsanto, the GM food giant, which shows that rats fed the modified corn had smaller kidneys and variations in the composition of their blood.

According to the confidential 1,139-page report, these health problems were absent from another batch of rodents fed non-GM food as part of the research project.

The disclosures come as European countries, including Britain, prepare to vote on whether the GM-modified corn should go on sale to the public. A vote last week by the European Union failed to secure agreement over whether the product should be sold here, after Britain and nine other countries voted in favour.

However, the disclosure of the health effects on the Monsanto rats has intensified the row over whether the corn is safe to eat without further research. Doctors said the changes in the blood of the rodents could indicate that the rat's immune system had been damaged or that a disorder such as a tumour had grown and the system was mobilising to fight it.

Dr. Vyvyan Howard, a senior lecturer on human anatomy and cell biology at Liverpool University, called for the publication of the full study, saying the summary gave "prima facie cause for concern".

Dr. Michael Antoniu, an expert in molecular genetics at Guy's Hospital Medical School, described the findings as "very worrying from a medical point of view", adding: "I have been amazed at the number of significant differences they found [in the rat experiment]."

Although Monsanto last night dismissed the abnormalities in rats as meaningless and due to chance, reflecting normal variations between rats, a senior British government source said ministers were so worried by the findings that they had called for further information.

Environmentalists will see the findings as vindication of British research seven years ago, which suggested that rats that ate GM potatoes suffered damage to their health. That research, which was roundly denounced by ministers and the British scientific establishment, was halted and Dr. Arpad Pusztai, the scientist behind the controversial findings, was forced into retirement amid a huge row over the claim.

Dr. Pusztai reported a "huge list of significant differences" between rats fed GM and conventional corn, saying the results strongly indicate that eating significant amounts of it can damage health. The new study is into a corn, codenamed MON 863, which has been modified by Monsanto to protect itself against corn rootworm, which the company describes as "one of the most pernicious pests affecting maize crops around the world".

Now, however, any decision to allow the corn to be marketed in the UK will cause widespread alarm. The full details of the rat research are included in the main report, which Monsanto refuses to release on the grounds that "it contains confidential business information which could be of commercial use to our competitors".

A Monsanto spokesman said yesterday: "If any such well-known anti-biotech critics had doubts about the credibility of these studies